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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) TO REVIVE AN UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED APPLICATION

Dear Sirs:

Applicants submit this Petition to the Commissioner under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) to revive the above-identified application in which taking action was unintentionally delayed. A response to the previously issued December 20, 2000 Office Action was originally due on March 20, 2001. Upon the expected granting of this Petition, the accompanying response in the form of an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.115 will be considered as having been timely filed.

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The above-identified application became unintentionally abandoned after March 20, 2001, which was the date that a response to the December 20, 2000 Office Action was originally due. A Notice of Abandonment was subsequently issued.

It is hereby requested that this application be revived because the entire delay in filing the response to the December 20, 2000 Office Action until the filing of this Petition was unintentional. A Terminal Disclaimer To Accompany Petition is attached to this paper as Exhibit 1.

As indicated above, a response to the December 20, 2000 Office Action in the form of an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.115 is being submitted concurrently herewith and is attached as Exhibit 2.

The fee for filing a Petition to Revive an Unintentionally Abandoned Application Under 37 C.F.R. §1.1;37(b) is \$620.00 for a small entity. Small entity status was previously established in this application and is still applicable. The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 05-1135 for the requisite large entity fee of \$620.00. The Patent and Trademark Office is further authorized hereby to charge Deposit Account No. 05-1135 for any other fees required in connection with this Petition, the attached Amendment, or to credit any overpayment thereto.

A duplicate copy of this Petition but without attached Exhibits 1-2 is also submitted herewith.

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Favorable action on this Petition is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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